

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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Practitioner's Docket No. 1710

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Daniel J. Aldrich  
Application No.: 10/017,850  
Filed: 11/30/2001  
For: NINE LAYER ARCHITECTURE

Group No.: 2194  
Examiner: Lechi Truong

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the final office action dated October 23, 2006, please enter the present amendment and consider the following remarks.